

April 9

Dear Mom & Dad,

We read about the storm that caused so much damage in Vancouver - it certainly was unusual. Our spring hasn't really come yet, in fact it snowed yesterday! Wednesday it was 75° and Saturday it never got above freezing. Today it is clear and a little warmer. The snow flurries spoiled the Cherry Blossom parade and ruined the blossoms that had come out - there are a lot of chilly tourists in Washington.

We signed the papers on our land Wednesday. We got 11.6 acres for about

\$1300/acre. Near us 29 acres
just sold for \$1500/acre so
my partner and I think
we got a good deal. There
are already people at work
who want to look at it
as a possible homesite. That
reminds me to tell you
that George McHaren must
not be elected. He wants
to increase taxes on capital
gains and naturally we are
against that!

Next weekend we are
going to a play at Ford's
Theatre with some friends on
Saturday. Then on Sunday
we are going to a ballet
at the Kennedy Center. Afterwards
we will eat at a French

restaurant to celebrate my birthday.

I have a good plan for next April. We want to go to Paris and I think you should go to Europe also. We will spend a week in Paris and then meet you in Sweden for a few days. Then Vickie and I will take you over to Leningrad and show you around! It really isn't far - think about it,

Jim
